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Subj: Amendment to Reduce the Hydrologic Monitoring Program for Sites Within the Mine Permit Boundaries, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine C/015/0018, Emery County, Utah.

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Interwest Mining Company as mine manager, hereby submits an amendment to amend Volume 9, Hydrologic Volume, Appendix A and Deer Creek Mine Volume 1, to reduce the water monitoring responsibilities as outlined in the hydrologic monitoring program.

In 2013, Energy West Mining Company (the mines past operator) submitted an amendment to reduce its monitoring responsibilities for sites within the Deer Creek, Cottonwood/Wilberg, and Trail Mountain mines. The Division agreed with PacifiCorp when they gave conditional approval for this amendment (Task ID #4443) on November 10, 2014 that its underground mining operations did not impact quantity or quality of spring flow of the over-lying springs.

Interwest is now proposing to remove five springs and two wells from its monitoring program. The springs and one well were retained in the monitoring program in 2013 since they were considered at the time to be strategic monitoring sites as plans for accessing the Cottonwood Tract from the 2<sup>nd</sup> West Section in the Deer Creek Mine were being discussed. PacifiCorp is no longer the holder of the Cottonwood Tract and therefore, has no future plans for using this access. The Deer Creek Mine was sealed in April of 2015 and monitoring these springs and well are no longer revelant.

Subsidence surveys have been conducted from the time of development and extraction operations of the underground mine. No subsidence has been recorded for the area where the springs and well are located. Subsidence surveys of this area were terminated in 2008 as subsidence was determined to be substantially complete.

PacifiCorp has conducted extensive research regarding the interrelationships between the surface and groundwater hydrologic systems and the potential impacts associated with its underground mining operations. Analysis has included; seep and spring surveys, drainage surveys, baseline data collection, in-house and consultant hydrologic studies and government and non-government

research project. The June 5, 2014 submittal, appendices A – D contains some of these research projects. Please review the documentation in the June 5, 2014 submittal (Task ID #4443).

The second well is associated with the Deer Creek waste rock site. This site was sold under a purchase agreement with Bowie Refined Coals LLC in August 2015. PacifiCorp feels that no other justification is needed to remove this site from the monitoring program since it no longer retains jurisdiction over the site.

This submittal includes the amended Volume 9, Appendix A and Deer Creek Volume 1, Part 2. Sites that are proposed for removal are "struck out". A justification document for removal of the five springs and one well is also included. This document includes an outline of the spring location, lease association, water quality, a graph showing flow versus the Palmer Drought Index, and photos of the sites. With this document, PacifiCorp is claiming that there has been no impact to the springs or well due to its underground mining operations.

The required C1/C2 forms are included. If you have any questions concerning this action, please contact Dennis Oakley at 435-687-4825.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Fleck

Geology and Environmental Affairs Manager

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### APPLICATION FOR COAL PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change New Permit Renewal Exploration Permittee: PacifiCorp	Bond Release	Transfer
Mine: Deer Creek Mine	Perm	it Number: C/015/0018
Title: Amendment to Reduce the Hydrologic Monitoring Program PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine C/015/0018, Emery County,	m for Sites Within th	
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Yes No 7. Does the application require or include ownership, co	ontrol, right-of-entry, o	r compliance information?
Yes No 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road of		t of an occupied dwelling?
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Yes No 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or v		
Yes No 15. Does the application require or include soil removal,		
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Yes No 17. Does the application require or include construction, Sy Yes No 18. Does the application require or include water monitor.		
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## APPLICATION FOR COAL PERMIT PROCESSING Detailed Schedule Of Changes to the Mining And Reclamation Plan

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Mine:	Deer Creek N		Permi	t Number: C/019/0018
Title:	Amendment PacifiCorp, I	to Reduce the Deer Creek Mi	Hydrologic Monitoring Program for Sites Within the ne C/015/0018, Emery County, Utah.	e Mine Permit Boundaries,
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#### |PROPOSAL TO REMOVE SITE FROM WATER | MONITORING PROGRAM|

<u>Location:</u> Section 33, Township 16 South, Range 7 East, SLB&M. This site is located within the Deer Creek mine permit boundary.

<u>Lease Association</u>: Springs 80-48 is associated with federal coal lease U-024319. PacifiCorp is the leaseholder of this Federal Coal Lease. The springs are located above the 3<sup>rd</sup> North B Mains at the entrance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> West longwall panel. The mains were developed in 1977. The panels in this area have been completely extracted from the Hiawatha Seam.

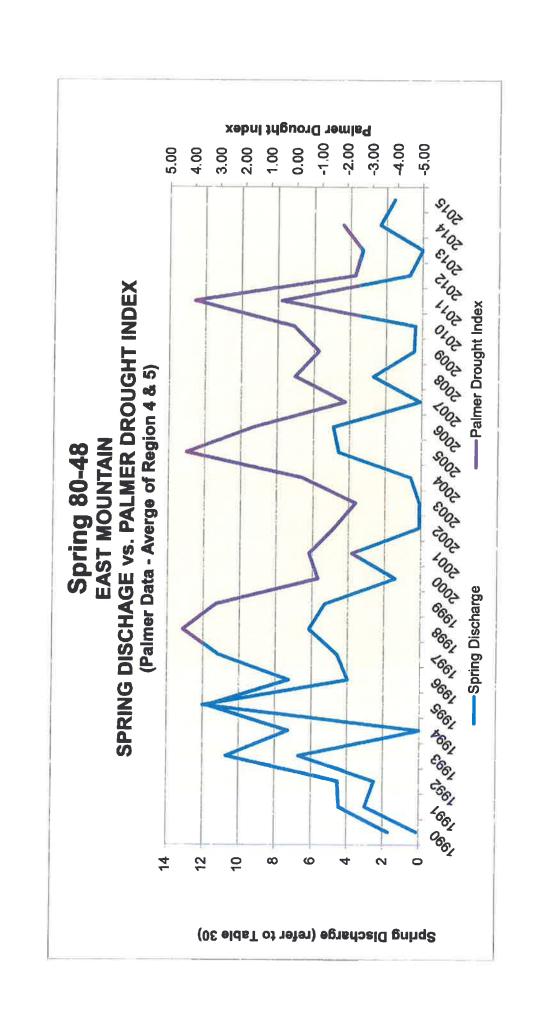
<u>Subsidence</u>: No subsidence is reported in the vicinity of the spring. Refer to the 2008 Annual Subsidence Report data which are included herein.

<u>Water Data:</u> Pre- and Post-water quality data is included for spring 80-48. Data show insignificant variances between pre- and post-quality results. Historic flow data has been collected for years 1990 through 2015 (25 years) although sampling has been conducted since 1980. This information is found on the following page where July spring flow is plotted against the Palmer Drought Index for regions 4 and 5. Spring flow shows a positive correlation with the Palmer Drought Indices. The mode of occurrence for Spring 80-48 is permeable fluvial channels that intersect land surface. The stratigraphic location for this spring is the North Horn Formation.

<u>Justification for removal from monitoring:</u> Site 80-48 has been monitored by Energy West Mining Company (Now Interwest Mining Company) since 1980. There have been no reported occurrences in which mining has impacted this site. Historic quality and quantity data has not indicated such impacts to the sites.

This spring was considered a strategic monitoring site as plans for accessing the Cottonwood Tract from the 2<sup>nd</sup> West Section in the Deer Creek Mine were discussed. PacifiCorp is no longer the holder of the Cottonwood Lease and therefore, has no future plans for using this access. The Deer Creek Mine was sealed in April of 2015. Although this site is located within a current federal coal lease and within the mine permit boundaries, its location is in the southern extents of the Deer Creek and Wilberg/Cottonwood permit boundaries where no mining has been conducted for at least 10 years.

This site is also located where it requires access through a certain surface private property owners land. This property owner has expressed his disliking of PacifiCorp accessing his land and has restricted access by locking gates. This owner is not always available to gives access through his property. During the big game hunting seasons within September and October, the property owner does not allow any other access except for his paid hunting clients. October is a scheduled monitoring time period. Therefore, it is requested for the reasons stated above, that the site be removed from the monitoring program.



80-48

**Water Quality Data:** 

**July Operational Data** 

**Mine Association:** 

**Deer Creek Mine** 

**Date of Development:** 

**Blind Canyon Seam: May 1997** 

**Date of Second Mining:** 

**First Mining Only** 

-	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	AVERAGE
BICARBONATE	437	272	324.65
CALCIUM	147.7	44.8	69.41
CARBONATE	5	0	1.2
CHLORIDE	15	2	4.455
CONDUCTIVITY	595	380	529.15
DISSOLVED OXYGEN	9.9	5	7.09
FLOW	12	0.13	3.71
HARDNESS	501	261	302.25
TOTAL IRON	2.6	0.05	0.44
DISSOLVED IRON	2	0	0.26
MAGNESIUM	41.4	24.1	31.29
DISSOLVED MANGANESE	0.1	0.002	0.026
MANGANESE	0.5	0	0.059
OIL AND GREASE	0	0	
PH	8.27	7.3	7.78
POTASSIUM	1	0.29	0.58
SET SOLIDS	0	0	
SODIUM	5.92	2.61	4.79
SULFATE	150	4	14.15
SUSPENDED SOLIDS	124	5	38.6
TEMPERATURE	52.8	6.4	15.1
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS	327	190	293.15



Spring: 80-48 Note: Spring was developed in 2009 as part of a

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Associated Formation: North Horn GPS: N 39°22'55.7"

Note: Access to spring requires travel through private property in which owner does not allow.

#### |PROPOSAL TO REMOVE SITE FROM WATER | MONITORING PROGRAM|

<u>Location</u>: Section 31, Township 16 South, Range 7 East, SLB&M. This site is located outside the Deer Creek mine permit boundary. The spring is located above a block of unmined coal south of the 3<sup>rd</sup> West longwall panel.

<u>Lease Association:</u> Springs 89-65 was associated with federal coal lease U-7653. This lease was terminated in March 2002. PacifiCorp was the sublessee of this lease. PacifiCorp notified the Lessee (Lincoln Reavis, Trustee of the Louisiana D. Brown 1992 Irrevocable Trust) in December 2001 that it was terminating its sublease agreement of this Federal Coal Lease.

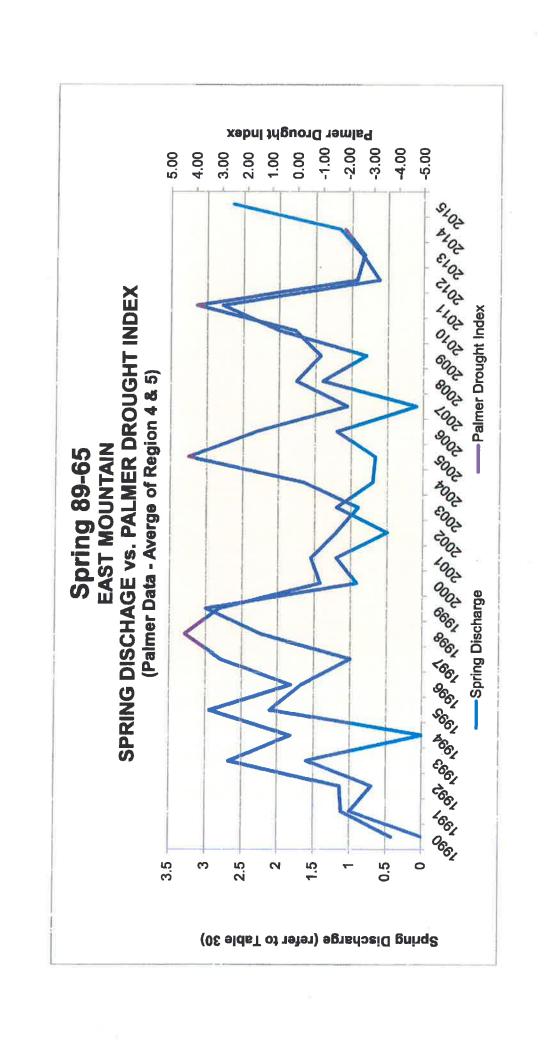
<u>Subsidence</u>: No subsidence is reported in the vicinity of the spring. Refer to the 2008 Annual Subsidence Report data which are included herein.

<u>Water Data:</u> Pre- and Post-water quality data is included for spring 89-65. Data show insignificant variances between pre- and post-quality results. Historic flow data has been collected for years 1990 through 2015 (25 years) although sampling has been conducted since 1989. This information is found on the following page where July spring flow is plotted against the Palmer Drought Index for regions 4 and 5. Spring flow shows a positive correlation with the Palmer Drought Indices. The mode of occurrence for Spring 89-65 is permeable fluvial channels that intersect land surface. The stratigraphic location for this spring is the North Horn Formation.

<u>Justification for removal from monitoring:</u> Site 89-65 has been monitored by Energy West Mining Company (Now Interwest Mining Company) since 1989. There have been no reported occurrences in which mining has impacted this site. Historic quality and quantity data has not indicated such impacts to the site.

This spring was considered a strategic monitoring site as plans for accessing the Cottonwood Tract from the 2<sup>nd</sup> West Section in the Deer Creek Mine were discussed. PacifiCorp is no longer the holder of the Cottonwood Lease and therefore, has no future plans for using this access. The Deer Creek Mine was sealed in April of 2015.

This site is also located where it requires access through a certain surface private property owners land. This property owner has expressed his disliking of PacifiCorp accessing his land and has restricted access by locking gates. This owner is not always available to gives access through his property. During the big game hunting seasons within September and October, the property owner does not allow any other access except for his paid hunting clients. October is a scheduled monitoring time period. Therefore, it is requested for the reasons stated above, that the site be removed from the monitoring program.



89-65

**Water Quality Data:** 

**July Operational Data** 

**Mine Association:** 

**Deer Creek Mine** 

**Date of Development:** 

N/A

**Date of Second Mining:** 

N/A

	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	AVERAGE
BICARBONATE	375	270	325.80
CALCIUM	170	68.3	81.77
CARBONATE	5	0	0.625
CHLORIDE	10	1.5	3.02
CONDUCTIVITY	633	488	560.65
DISSOLVED OXYGEN	9.6	4.5	7.52
FLOW	3	0.62	1.39
HARDNESS	570	262	307
TOTAL IRON	3.8	0	0.81
DISSOLVED IRON	0.1	0	0.02
MAGNESIUM	34	17.8	24.92
DISSOLVED MANGANESE	0.071	0	0.02
MANGANESE	0.1	0	0.012
OIL AND GREASE	0	0	
РН	7.86	7.35	7.56
POTASSIUM	10	0.53	1.33
SET SOLIDS	0	0	
SODIUM	10	1.82	6.87
SULFATE	20	2	13.45
SUSPENDED SOLIDS	225	2	113.50
TEMPERATURE	45.5	4.8	12.24
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS	353	248	309.30

Location: T16S, R7E, Section 31
Associated Formation: North Horn
GPS: N 39°22'53.3"
W 111°09'26"

Note: Access to spring requires travel through private property in which owner does not allow.



## [PROPOSAL TO REMOVE SITE FROM WATER MONITORING PROGRAM]

<u>Location:</u> Section 5, Township 17 South, Range 7 East, SLB&M. This site is located within the Deer Creek mine permit boundary.

<u>Lease Association:</u>: Spring 89-66 is associated with federal coal lease U-084923. PacifiCorp is the sublease holder of this Federal Coal Lease. The spring is located above the extraction face of the 2<sup>nd</sup> West longwall panel in the Hiawatha Seam. The headgate and tailgate sections of this panel were started in June and July of 2004. The 2<sup>nd</sup> West panel was completed in June 2005.

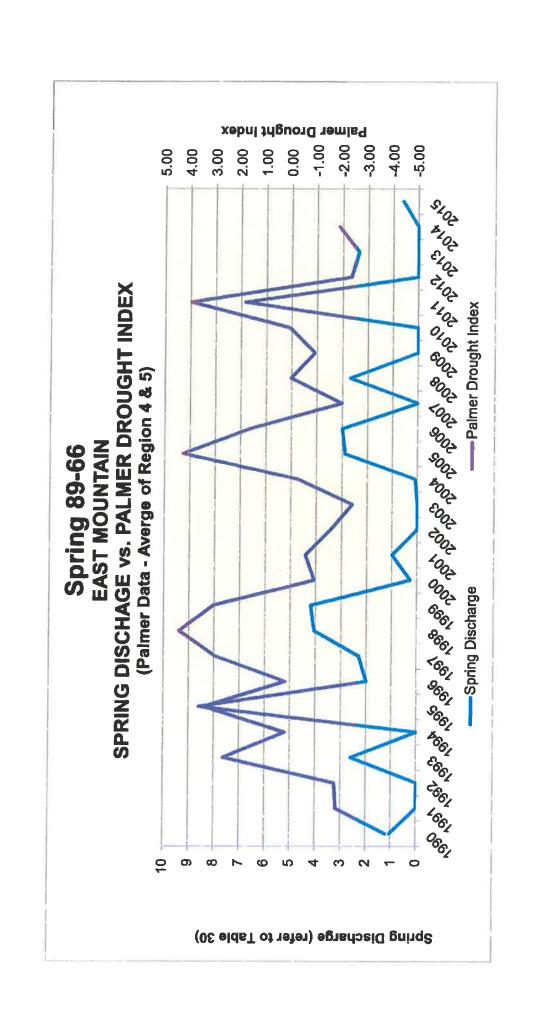
<u>Subsidence</u>: No subsidence is reported in the vicinity of the spring. Refer to the 2008 Annual Subsidence Report data which are included herein.

Water Data: Pre- and Post-water quality data is included for spring 89-66. Data show insignificant variances between pre- and post-quality results. Historic flow data has been collected for years 1990 through 2015 (25 years) although sampling has been conducted since 1989. This information is found on the following page where July spring flow is plotted against the Palmer Drought Index for regions 4 and 5. Spring flow shows a positive correlation with the Palmer Drought Indices. The mode of occurrence for spring 89-66 is permeable fluvial channels that intersect land surface. The stratigraphic location for this spring is the North Horn Formation.

<u>Justification for removal from monitoring:</u> Site 89-66 has been monitored by Energy West Mining Company (Now Interwest Mining Company) since 1989. There have been no reported occurrences in which mining has impacted this site. Historic quality and quantity data has not indicated such impacts to the site.

This spring was considered a strategic monitoring site as plans for accessing the Cottonwood Tract from the 2<sup>nd</sup> West Section in the Deer Creek Mine were discussed. PacifiCorp is no longer the holder of the Cottonwood Lease and therefore, has no future plans for using this access. The Deer Creek Mine was sealed in April of 2015.

This site is also located within a certain surface private property owners land. This property owner has expressed his disliking of PacifiCorp accessing his land and has restricted access by locking gates. This owner is not always available to gives access through his property. During the big game hunting seasons within September and October, the property owner does not allow any other access except for his paid hunting clients. October is a scheduled monitoring time period. Therefore, it is requested for the reasons stated above, that the site be removed from the monitoring program.



89-66

**Water Quality Data:** 

**July Operational Data** 

Mine Association:

Deer Creek Mine

Date of Development:

Blind Canyon Seam: 2nd West Tailgate developed June 2004

Date of Second Mining:

June 2005

torical Data: 1990-2014			
	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	AVERAGE
BICARBONATE	397	234	292.29
CALCIUM	110.4	41.9	51.44
CARBONATE	5	0	1.20
CHLORIDE	10	4	5.25
CONDUCTIVITY	554	438	494.57
DISSOLVED OXYGEN	10.3	4.7	7.58
FLOW	8.6	0.27	3.01
HARDNESS	370	227	263.64
TOTAL IRON	1.89	0	0.55
DISSOLVED IRON	0.28	0	0.072
MAGNESIUM	36.67	23	32.74
DISSOLVED MANGANESE	0.14	0	0.039
MANGANESE	0.1	0	0.023
OIL AND GREASE	0	0	
PH	8.13	7.22	7.62
POTASSIUM	1.4	0.67	0.87
SET SOLIDS	0	0	
SODIUM	6.7	3.56	5.33
SULFATE	35	0.9	12.85
SUSPENDED SOLIDS	10	1	6.33
TEMPERATURE	45	4.7	12.18
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS	294	202	253.21



Location: T17S, R7E, Section 5 Associated Formation: North Horn GPS: N 39°22'44.5" W 111°09'26.2"

Note: Spring is located within the boundaries of private property in which owner does not allow access.

### PROPOSAL TO REMOVE SITE FROM WATER MONITORING PROGRAM

<u>Location:</u> Section 32, Township 16 South, Range 7 East, SLB&M. This site is located within the Deer Creek mine permit boundary.

<u>Lease Association:</u>: Springs 89-67 and 89-68 are associated with federal coal lease U-47977. PacifiCorp is the lease holder of this Federal Coal Lease. The spring is located above the unmined coal barrier between 2<sup>nd</sup> West longwall panel to the south and the 3<sup>rd</sup> West longwall panel to the north. The coal reserve is situated in the Hiawatha Seam. The two entry system of the 2<sup>nd</sup> West section began development in December 1997. Longwall extraction of the 3<sup>rd</sup> West panel was completed in April 1999. The 2<sup>nd</sup> West panel was completed in June 2005.

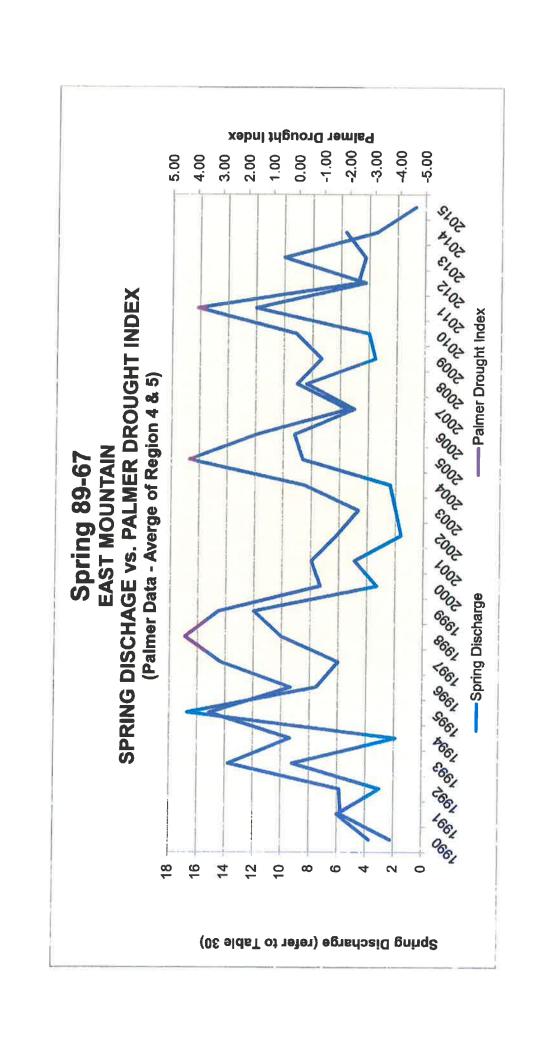
<u>Subsidence</u>: No subsidence is reported in the vicinity of the spring. Refer to the 2008 Annual Subsidence Report data which are included herein.

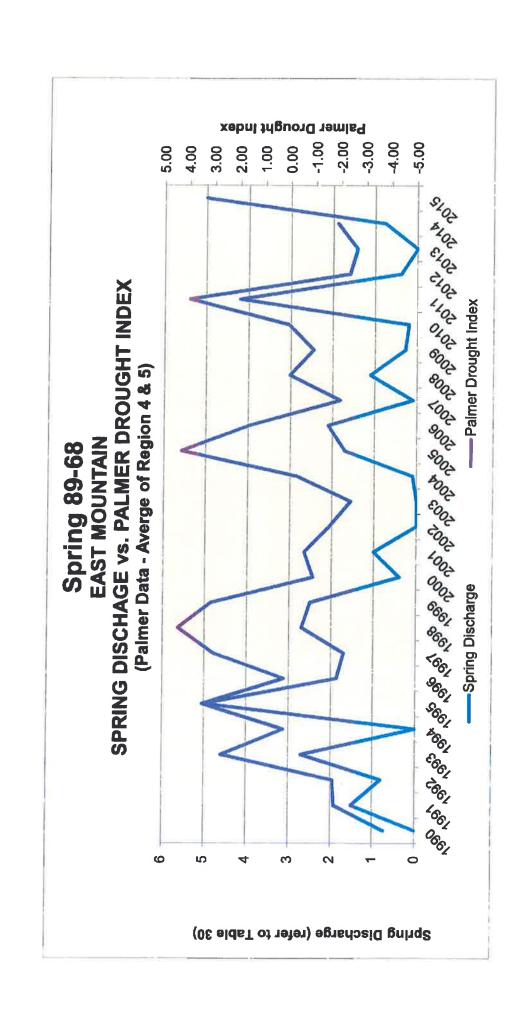
Water Data: Pre- and Post-water quality data is included for springs 89-67 and 89-68. Data show insignificant variances between pre- and post-quality results. Historic flow data has been collected for years 1990 through 2015 (25 years) although sampling has been conducted since 1989. This information is found on the following page where July spring flow is plotted against the Palmer Drought Index for regions 4 and 5. Spring flow shows a positive correlation with the Palmer Drought Indices. The mode of occurrence for springs 89-67 and 89-68 is permeable fluvial channels that intersect land surface. The stratigraphic location for this spring is the North Horn Formation.

<u>Justification for removal from monitoring:</u> Sites 89-67 and 89-68 have been monitored by Energy West Mining Company (Now Interwest Mining Company) since 1989. There have been no reported occurrences in which mining has impacted these sites. Historic quality and quantity data has not indicated such impacts to the sites.

These springs were considered strategic monitoring sites as plans for accessing the Cottonwood Tract from the 2<sup>nd</sup> West Section in the Deer Creek Mine were discussed. PacifiCorp is no longer the holder of the Cottonwood Lease and therefore, has no future plans for using this access. The Deer Creek Mine was sealed in April of 2015.

These sites are also located where it requires access through a certain surface private property owners land. This property owner has expressed his disliking of PacifiCorp accessing his land and has restricted access by locking gates. This owner is not always available to gives access through his property. During the big game hunting seasons within September and October, the property owner does not allow any other access except for his paid hunting clients. October is a scheduled monitoring time period. Therefore, it is requested for the reasons stated above, that the site be removed from the monitoring program.





89-67

Water Quality Data:

**July Operational Data** 

**Mine Association:** 

**Deer Creek Mine** 

**Date of Development:** 

N/A

Date of Second Mining:

N/A

Historica	l Data:	1990-2014	

11Storical Data: 1990-2014			
	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	AVERAGE
BICARBONATE	368	232	295.71
CALCIUM	76.8	33.9	52.13
CARBONATE	5	0	0.70
CHLORIDE	10	3.5	5.26
CONDUCTIVITY	583	473	534.75
DISSOLVED OXYGEN	10.4	5	7.37
FLOW	16.7	1.6	6.36
HARDNESS	342	211	268.83
TOTAL IRON	1	0	0.29
DISSOLVED IRON	0.2	0	0.044
MAGNESIUM	36.5	30.6	33.62
DISSOLVED MANGANESE	0.038	0	0.011
MANGANESE	0.2	0	0.031
OIL AND GREASE	0	0	
PH	8.26	7.21	7.64
POTASSIUM	5	0.4	1.26
SET SOLIDS	0	0	
SODIUM	17	8.2	11.89
SULFATE	65	9	18.83
SUSPENDED SOLIDS	8	2	4.60
TEMPERATURE	40.8	3.6	11.48
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS	313	190	282.67

89-68

**Water Quality Data:** 

**July Operational Data** 

**Mine Association:** 

**Deer Creek Mine** 

**Date of Development:** 

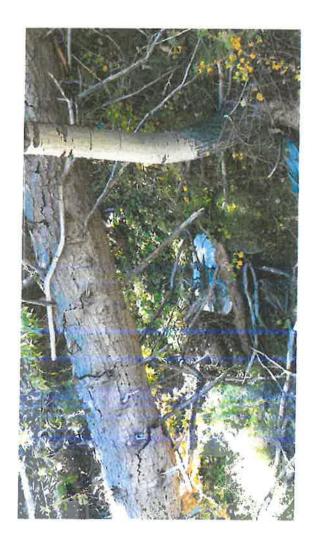
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**Date of Second Mining:** 

N/A

Historical Data: 1990-2014

Storical Data: 1990-2014			
	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	AVERAGE
BICARBONATE	368	232	295.71
CALCIUM	76.8	33.9	52.13
CARBONATE	5	0	0.70
CHLORIDE	10	3.5	5.26
CONDUCTIVITY	583	473	534.75
DISSOLVED OXYGEN	10.4	5	7.37
FLOW	16.7	1.6	6.36
HARDNESS	342	211	268.83
TOTAL IRON	1	0	0.29
DISSOLVED IRON	0.2	0	0.044
MAGNESIUM	36.5	30.6	33.62
DISSOLVED MANGANESE	0.038	0	0.011
MANGANESE	0.2	0	0.031
OIL AND GREASE	0	0	
PH	8.26	7.21	7.64
POTASSIUM	5	0.4	1.26
SET SOLIDS	0	0	
SODIUM	17	8.2	11.89
SULFATE	65	9	18.83
SUSPENDED SOLIDS	8	2	4.60
TEMPERATURE	40.8	3.6	11.48
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS	313	190	282.67

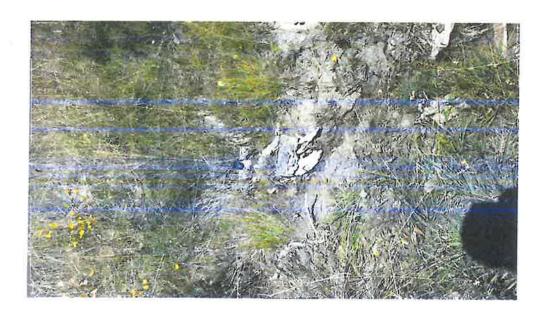


Location: T16S, R7E, Section 32 Associated Formation: North Horn GPS: N 39°22'44.5" W 111°09'26.2"

Note: Access to spring requires travel through private property in which owner does not allow.



Note: Spring was developed in 2009 as part of a cattlemen's mitigation plan associated with the Elk Spring culinary development



Location: T16S, R7E, Section 32 Associated Formation: North Horn GPS: N 39°22'53.6" W 111°09'21.4"

Note: Access to spring requires travel through private property in which owner does not allow.

Note: Spring was developed in 2009 as part of a cattlemen's mitigation plan associated with the Elk Spring culinary development project.

## |PROPOSAL TO REMOVE SITE FROM WATER | MONITORING PROGRAM|

### East Mountain Well EM-31

<u>Location</u>: Section 24, Township 17 South, Range 6 East, SLB&M. This site is located within the Deer Creek mine permit boundary. The well head is located on alluvial deposits just above the Trail Mountain Mine portals.

<u>Lease Association:</u>: Well EM-31 is associated with federal coal lease U-083066. PacifiCorp is the sublease holder of this Federal Coal Lease. The well is located within unmined coal managed by the BLM and was developed on surface lands managed by the USFS.

<u>Subsidence</u>: No subsidence is reported in the vicinity of the well. Refer to the 2008 Annual Subsidence Report data which are included herein. No mining has occurred with 1000 feet of this site.

<u>Water Data:</u> Level data is included for well EM-31. Data show insignificant fluctuations of water level. Historic data has been collected for years 1980 through 2015 (35 years) although the well was developed in 1978. The total depth of the well is 280 feet. The elevation at the collar is 7417.8 feet. The drill hole diameter is 9.75 inches and fitted with a 4 inch (ID) casing and packed with gravel to within 50 feet of surface. Perforations were set between 180 feet and 250 feet. The annular is cemented from 0-50 feet. The lithologic well log is attached.

<u>Justification for removal from monitoring:</u> Well EM-31 has been monitored by Energy West Mining Company (Now Interwest Mining Company) since 1980. There have been no reported occurrences in which mining has impacted this site. Historic level data has not indicated such impacts to the site.

Originally, the site was developed to assess the pieziometric gradient of the western reserves of the Wilberg Mine. Water elevation of the well was the only parameter ever monitored. The hydrograph of EM-31 shows that the well responds subtly to annual precipitation and long-term climatic cycles. We believe that these hydraulic responses are due in large part to hydraulic communication between the gravel-pack zone and shallow, overlying groundwater systems. The Star Point Sandstone, in other locations, does not respond to annual precipitation or climatic trends.

Since there is no longer mining in Cottonwood/Wilberg or Deer Creek mines, PacifiCorp see's no reason to retain this site as a required monitoring location. Therefore, it is requested for the reasons stated above, that the site be removed from the monitoring program.

